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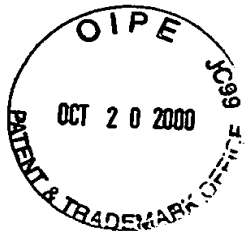
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- ☒ 2. Enclosed is the International Preliminary Examination Report issued by the International Bureau for the PCT application No. PCT/JP99/00363 which is a parent application of this U.S. Continuation-in-Part application.

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